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Auld Lang Syne.

It singeth low in every heart,
We hear it each and all—
A song of those who answer not,
However we may call.
They throng the silence of the breast,
We see them as of yore —
The kind, the brave, the true, the sweet,
Who walk with us no more.

'Tis hard to take the burden up
When these have laid it down;
They brightened all the joy of life,
They softened every frown;
But oh! 'tis good to think of them
When we are troubled sore!
Thanks be to God that such have been,
Although they are no more!

More homelike seems the vast unknown
Since they have entered there;
To follow them were not so hard,
Wherever they may fare;
They cannot be where God is not—
On any sea or shore;
Whate'er betides, Thy love abides—
Our God forevermore.

—JOHN WHITE CHADWICK.

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THE MEASURE.

Measure thy life by loss instead of gain;
Not by the wine drunk, but by the wine poured forth;
For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice,
And whoso suffers most has most to give.

—HARRIET KING.

NOTES.

It is hoped that the meetings which were planned for Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander in San Francisco before the earthquake and the fire will be held. The time fixed on was in October. It is believed by many that there is now in San Francisco a splendid opportunity for evangelistic work; that the experiences through which the city has passed recently have made it more impressionable spiritually.

The day after the earthquake an Oakland pastor went to Agnews to ascertain, if possible, as to the welfare of an inmate of the asylum at that place. Seeing at once that it would be difficult for him in the confusion that prevailed to find the official or attendant whom he desired to see,he approached one of the inmates who was standing, with many others, on the grounds, and, handing him a dollar, asked him if he would favor him by guiding him to the proper person. The man replied: "Put up your money, sir. I'm crazy, but I'm not crazy enough for that!" There are people who would have been just crazy enough for that. The world is full of people who are after the "almighty dollar." And they don't care how they get it. The main thing with them is the getting of it.

The Rev. Henry T. Staats presented his resignation recently as pastor of the North Congregational church of Pasadena, asking that it take effect the last Sunday in July. At that time Mr. Staats will have completed a pastorate of eighteen years with the Pasadena church—the longest in Southern California. For more than fifty years he has been in the active work of the gospel ministry, and many there are who call him "blessed." Mr. Staats will soon reach the age of three score and ten. He says: "I am not tired of my work. I am tired in my work." He is greatly beloved in his church and in the community, and has been asked by the church to take the place of "pastor emeritus." Whoever shall be called to the pastorate to succeed him will find him a great friend and helper. The editor of The Pacific has never come in contact with Mr. Staats without a feeling of thankfulness that California had him as one of its ministers.

The San Francisco Chronicle speaks of Professor Omori as "the world's greatest authority on seismology." In the same number of the paper the press dispatches stated that a Chinese student the day before had surprised the University of New York by winning second prize in an oratorical contest. It is to be hoped that these and many other evidences of the fact that the Orientals are not an inferior race will ere long make an impression on the people who seem to think that all the intellectuality of any great value is a possession of the Caucasian, and is destined to remain in that possession. It is high time that the entire Pacific Coast awake to the fact that the Orientals are destined to exercise a mighty influence in the world's great future, and that our deportment be shaped accordingly. It is, as Dr. Arthur Smith says, our treatment of these Oriental peoples has thus far been built on a "moral fault," and if we go on so building we shall ere long receive a terrible shaking.

Mrs. Martha A. Willey, wife of Rev. Dr. S. H. Willey, passed into the life beyond on the 2d of June, from their home in Berkeley. Mrs. Willey was a native of New Jersey. She came to California in 1849, where she first met Dr. Willey, who reached here the same year. They were united in marriage soon, and together their lives have counted for good during all the years since. It meant much to have established here in those early days such homes as that of Dr. and Mrs. Willey, and only God himself can measure the influences that have in the more than fifty years since gone out from that home. It has been a source of encouragement and inspiration to many of us who have been here during recent years. In the funeral services, which were conducted on Monday of this week in the parlors of the First church of Berkeley, by the Rev. W. H. Hopkins and Rev. Geo. C. Adams, the latter spoke of the help Dr. and Mrs. Willey had been to him in the hard work which was his in the early work of his pastorate in the First church of San Francisco, and his testimony was that the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Willey in the last few years, in their old age, had counted for more than the lives of many others in their greatest strength.

The San Francisco Chronicle denounces as falsifiers all who say that the Chinese have not had just and humane treatment during the weeks following our recent great calamity. Now, if the Chronicle will forever cease going back of the present period and attempt no more to lead the public to believe that the Chinese have always had such treatment at the hands of our people, and will also refrain from arguing against any plain facts of any case that may arise in the future as to the treatment of the Chinese, no one will have cause to complain of it any more. We believe it to be true that the Chinese have been well treated during the last two months. That they have always been so treated is not true. That they will be so treated in the future by all of our Coast people is not to be expected. And any paper that may persistently state to the contrary will be known by many people from time to time to be stating that which the facts would not allow. Many people here on the Coast have not yet been brought to look on the Chinese as they ought, and we may expect some bitter lessons before this shall come about.

DR. VAN DYKE'S ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL HYMN, "AMERICA."

It is not surprising that the large audience arose and cheered when Dr. Van Dyke, at one of the meetings of the Presbyterian General Assembly, at Des Moines, said:

"When I look at California, and then look at the lines of our national hymn—

"'I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills'—

I am constrained to think "America' was written for New England. For California you must write another verse:

"I love thy inland seas,
Thy capes and giant trees,
Thy rolling plains;
Thy canyons wild and deep,
Thy prairie's boundless sweep,
Thy rocky mountains steep,
Thy fertile mains;

"Thy domes, thy silvery strands,
Thy golden gate that stands
Affront the west;
Thy sweet and crystal air,
Thy sunlight everywhere,
O, land without compare,
I love thee best!"

California cheers also. Dr. Van Dyke was greatly beloved here. He will have a much larger place in the hearts of our people. These lines will be immortal. No sooner had the wires flashed them across the continent than they were rolling in song from many lips. Some church calendars contained them the first Sunday after they were uttered. "America" will be more popular than ever before, although we have doubtless as much of the national spirit as is found elsewhere.

ACORNS FROM THREE OAKS.

Aloha.

Good cheer from Santa Clara Association. It would be selfish to ask large space in our reduced though greatly beloved Pacific now; yet our resolution passed at the heartening Association in San Jose speaks for us until we shall greet you at the best State Association in October. All tne spilled water from ninety-seven county tanks has not drowned out our enthusiasm. What we have lost from private water tanks shall only make steam for the better work we mean to do, God helping us.

Resolution.

The pastors and delegates of the Santa Clara Association in this strenuous time greet our afflicted brethren in the wrecked cities, editors, pastors and laymen, with no uncertain words of love and courage. We dare not minimize the awfulness and power of the terrible stroke that has fallen. But deeper than the burning lava of a molten world beneath us and higher than the blue sky, where ou Father upholds our school world among the stars, is our faith that our God is a God of love, and he made no mistake in his dealing with the children of men. Your courage, brethren, heartens us for our work. Every brave utterance that comes from your battle in rebuilding a city makes echoes of hope, yea even of enthusiasm, in our souls. We share in the tidal waves of love which the magnificent fraternity of the wide world waken in the depths of your bosom. We note the hand of God in the temperance work which San Francisco leads as some of us did when heaven took a hand in the cause of freedom by raising up Abraham Lincoln. Make large and definite calls on us, brethren. As God helps us, one by one, we will look our financial duties in the face with you, building even better churches, in nobler cities for the kingdom of God, as God, even our God, shall help us.

Three Cheers for "The Pacific."

If you print that second word "cheers" go on, please, good compositor, and note that we elected three cheerers for our beloved paper—Rev. W. T. Patchell, Rev. J. H. Goodell, and our Brother Lawrence, the President of the Federated Men's Clubs of Santa Clara County Churches. It was voted that we undertake to get The Pacific into every family in the membership of our Associational Churches. That is better than a cash bonus for the paper. Watch our committee!

Sunnyvale's Sunshine.

The brave little church at Sunnyvale was dedicated yesterday with more than six hundred dollars' of obligations cheerfully provided for. The financiering was notable for the number of givers, the aid of children and young people's societies, gifts from a distance in sympathy with our new experiences, and the special kindness of Methdist and Baptist friends. Be of great good cheer brethren One by one all our churches who need shall have their great glad days on their way to the Everlasting Gladness.

The Congregational Churches of Campbell and Saratoga gave up evening services to attend Dr. Arthur Smiths' service in San Jose. Pastor Merrill thought forty people went from Saratoga.

Campbell and Saratoga churches are already preparing to share in the entertainment of the Association at San Jose next fall.

Brother Champlin of the Theological Seminary was cordially invited by the Santa Clara Association to preach at Seaside.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ATLANTIC.

Boston, May 25, 1906.

Good cheer for our brave churches of San Francisco and vicinity! Far away as is this Atlantic Coast, the brethren have our sympathetic and earnest love in their readiness to help. Our Massachusetts Congregational churches, at once upon the news of the disaster, contributed as churches upwards of eleven thousand dollars for the general relief fund. Seeing that the church contributions would be needed for more distinctively religious needs, Mr. Samuel Usher, President of the Boston Congregational Club, called together representative men of the denomination, who recommended that the Boston Congregational Club and the Boston Ministers' Meeting should co-operate in raising a fund for our suffering churches. Mr. Usher was made treasurer. A circular letter was sent out to all the churches of the State calling for a "relief offering next Sunday, or as soon thereafter as possible." As a result, about six thousand dollars have already been contributed. Another letter is soon to be sent out—this time probably to all our churches in New England.

In New York two thousand dollars or more has been sent in through the Church Building Society in response to the appeal of Dr. Richards. I was present at the Broadway Tabernacle Sunday, May 20th. A contribution for our churches was made, warmly commended by Dr. Jefferson. There is every reason to expect that this church relief fund will grow. Our churches act slowly, but they are generous and loyal. Many which have but little give most freely out of their limited resources. Brotherly love will continue until a substantial sum is raised.

As one coming from the scene of disaster, and knowing something about California churches, I have been welcomed and invited to speak before the Congegational Club of New York and the Noonday Ministers' Meeting and Congregational Club of Boston. Doubtless, much more money would be raised if some one should go from church to church appealing for aid. But it is much better and means much more to have the churches themselves voluntarily undertake and carry out this brotherly service of good will.

JOHN WRIGHT BUCKHAM.

SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

W. N. Burr.

The annual meeting of this Association followed closely after the Pacific Coast Congregational Congress, thus affording the Congregationalists of Riverside and San Bernardino counties an opportunity to "talk over" the Congress, and spread the influence still further among the churches.

The Association met at San Bernardino on Monday and Tuesday, May 28th and 29th. The "abbreviated Pacific" naturally calls upon its correspondents to boil their sap down to the "sugaring off" point, so little more than an outline report of this meeting is attempted.

Rev. H. E. Banham of Highland was chosen Moderator, Rev. W. A. Palmer of Redlands Scribe. Judge Henry Goodcell of San Bernardino read an excellent paper on "Modern Business Methods." The flavor of deliberateness, conservatism, carefulness ran all through the paper, but modern business methods were handled without gloves. The discussion ran largely to the matter of developing a public conscience.

In the paper on "Young People's Work" Rev. A. W. Palmer made a plea for a more thorough denominational training in the Christian Endeavor Societies; and to this end the Endeavor societies are to be asked to send delegates to the State and District Association meetings, and young people's rallies are to have a place on the program of these meetings, in which denominational themes shall be discussed.

One evening session was given to "The Pacific Coast Congress, which was reported by Rev. R. B. Larkin of Ontario and Rev. J. H. Williams of Redlands. An interesting talk on "The American Missionary Association" was given by W. M. Brooks, D.D., of Redlands. Superintendent H. P. Case spoke on "The Sunday School as a Missionary Method," and Rev. Dr. Davies of Colton mad a strong address on "The Interpretation of Scripture." In his own inimitable way, Dr. Davies emphasized the Scripture teaching that "spiritual things are spiritually discerned."

In these days a meeting of Congregationalists would not be possible without some time given to "church union." This subject was presented in a paper by Rev. George Robertson of Mentone.

Missions had a large place. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Hour was conducted by Mrs. J. H. Williams, President of the Southern Branch W. B. M. P.; and the Woman's Home Missionary Hour by Mrs. K. G. Robertson, President of the W. H. M. U. of Southern California. "The New Departure in Home Missions," having reference to the recent decision of the churches of Southern California to assume Home Missionary self-support, was presented in strong addresses by Superintendent Maile and Rev. H. E. Banham. Secretary Tenney of the American Board, was present, and spoke on the Million Dollar Campaign.

The second evening was given to "Pomona Collage." President Gates presided, and addresses were made by Professors Smith, Sumner and Bissell of the faculty. We grow prouder of Pomona every year.

The only shadow cast upon this Association meeting was that which came through the recent resignation of Rev. E. K. Holden, who has been doing most excellent work in the church at San Bernardino. Mr. and Mrs. Holden will be greatly missed, for they have won for themselves a large place not only in the city of San Bernardino, but in all the churches roundabout.

Corona, Cal.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

The North Berkeley church has a Sunday evening congregation which nearly fills the rooms, and which is composed largely of young people.

Four persons were received into membership by the Fourth church of Oakland last Sunday. The church will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary soon.

The Rev. Wm. Rader and Mrs. Rader and daughter went East last week. Mr. Rader may return soon, but the others will remain in the East several months.

The pulpit of the First church of Berkeley will be occupied for the next three Sundays by the Rev. George C. Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have gone East, and will not return before the last of July. Six persons were welcomed into the fellowship of the church last Sunday.

The Swedish Congregational church of San Francisco uses the house of worship of Olivet church on Sunday afternoons. Its building on Jessie street, not far from the postoffice, was destroyed, as was also its sailors' home in the rear of the Mariners' church, which cost about $40,000.

Mrs. Walz, wife of Rev. E. L. Walz, of the Fourth Church of San Francisco is expected to return from the East in about two weeks. She had a successful trip in the interests of the church. A fine pipe organ is among the things donated, also some handsome stained-glass windows.

The Sunday-school of Bethany church, San Francisco, had an average attendance of eighty before the 18th day of April. Since then the attendance has averaged about twenty-two. The attendance at the Sunday-school in Trinity Presbyterian church has fallen from 200 to 100. Richmond Congregational has about fifty now; before the great disaster it had 125. The Fourth church of Oakland reports its Sunday-school cut by one-half since that date. In San Francisco the First and Plymouth have practically no Sunday-school.

Many pastors hereabouts report that it is difficult since the great calamity in San Francisco to get people to attend church as well as theretofore. One San Francisco pastor says that the people are there, but that they don't put in an appearance at the services of the sanctuary. On the part of the Roman Catholics a better attendance is reported: and some say that the priests are working on the superstitions and fears of the people. Word comes from Fruitvale that a Catholic washerwoman contributed $10 to some church fund to keep away another earthquake. Our pastor at North Berkeley reports a better religious spirit among the people of that community than ever before, and the pastor at Fruitvale says that the prayer-meetings are better attended than formerly.

DEDICATION AT PASADENA.

The dedication of the Lake Avenue church, on Sunday, May 20th, was a noted event in the history of the church. Although the building was completed over a year ago, this service was postponed until the debt of $2,000 was cleared away. The pastor, Rev. S. G. Emerson, and his people are to be congratulated on the dedication of a $17,000 edifice free of debt and no collection for the building taken. In the evening a thank-offering, amounting to $175, was made for Home Missions. John K. McLean, president of the Pacific Theological Seminary, Berkeley, preached the dedicatory sermon in the morning, and Prof. E. I. Bosworth of Oberlin College gave an address to the young people in the evening. The afternoon was devoted to an interdenominational fellowship meeting, when congratutory addresses were made by the pastors of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Friends and Christian Adventist churches. Rev. H. T. Staats and Rev. E. E . P. Abbott also spoke words of greeting. At all the meetings there was special music. The church was organized nine and a half years ago, and has had a wonderful growth and now has about three hundred members.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

On Sunday, June 3d, a handsome new house of worship was dedicated by the St. John's Congregational church, of Portland, Oregon. The edifice is, in the main, a reduplication of the building erected last year on the Exposition grounds by the National Cash Register Co. Through the solicitation of the Rev. Dr. House, the pastor of the First church of Portland, the structure was donated to the St. John's church. The pastor of the church is the Rev. F. J. Warren.

The Mississippi Avenue church of Portland, Oregon, has purchased a lot on the corner of Failing and Albina streets, and will build there soon a new edifice, to cost about $10,000. The church has outgrown its present building, and it will be possible to sell the property at a good figure for business purposes. The Rev. Mr. Upshaw is the pastor of the Mississippi Avenue church.

PACIFIC COAST CONGRESS NOTES.

An amendment to the rules was presented, which, if adopted three years hence, will make it possible to consider and act on matters of vital interest in the work of Congregationalism and the church kingdom. This rule was waived without objection this year, the emergencies of the earthquake and the fire making quite important certain resolutions and overtures. One of these overtures was to the Church Building Society, asking that such restrictions as properly apply to ordinary gifts of the society may not be made as to the special gifts to aid in rebuilding the churches destroyed by the recent earthquake and fire.

A provisional committee for the Congress, which is to be held in Portland in 1909 was named as follows: E. L. House, Portland; W. H. Boyd, Forest Grove; J. J. Staub Portland; E. C. Oakley, Eugene; H. E. Mills, Spokane; F. J. Van Hore, Seattle; W. H. Hopkins, Berkeley; E. F. Goff, Riverside; W. C. Kantner, Seattle.

At the opening session moderators were chosen as follows: Rev. Dr. George R. Wallace of Washington; Rev. Dr. George C. Adams of Northern California; Rev. R. R. Meredith of Southern California; Rev. C. L. Mears of Nevada; Rev. C. F. Clapp of Oregon.

The Home Missionary and Sunday School and Publishing societies were asked to appoint some one to take up in Nevada the work carried on by those societies in other States.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Pacific for June 7th (this issue) was in type early last week. Delay after delay in setting up a press made it impossible to get it printed before Saturday, June 15th. When the press was up it would not work, and the press-work had to be sent finally to another office.